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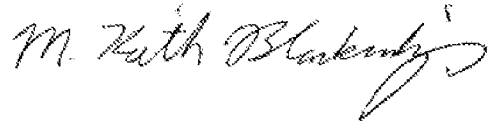
I. Conformity with BPAI holding

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reversed the outstanding rejections of claims 27-33 and 35 and found them allowable. Claim 27 has now been rewritten to include the limitations of the two claims from which it depended, claims 24 and 25. Claim 35 has similarly been rewritten to include the limitations of the two claims from which it depended, claims 24 and 34. In accordance with preferred practice, Applicant has drafted claim 27 to group similar limitations together; Applicant further adds claim 47, which mirrors claim 27 in scope, but reflects a more simplistic approach by merely transferring limitations “as is.”

Claim 28 is amended merely to correct a formalities issue.

The present application is now in form for allowance in complete accordance with the instructions of the BPAI.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Keith Blankenship". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

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